

**Minutes of the
Kelly AFB Restoration Advisory Board Meeting 13 November 1995**

The eleventh meeting of the Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Board (RAB) took place at 6:00 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, San Antonio, Texas.

The RAB meeting agenda is attachment 1.

These minutes follow the progression of topics as the meeting took place and correspond to similarly numbered agenda topics.

Mr. Larry Bailey, Kelly AFB Co-Chair, welcomed RAB members and others in attendance. Fourteen RAB members or alternates were present. A list of attendees is provided at attachment 2.

Mr. Bailey made several introductory comments:

- A 27 October letter from Maj Gen Curtis has been sent to local community residents confirming Kelly commitment to cleanup of the installation, regardless of closure and realignment status.
- Kelly was notified of possible opportunity for a German Engineer/Scientist to visit and work at Kelly for a short period of time (this is a German/U.S. Science: exchange program).
- ATSDR receipt of the RAB's letter was confirmed by informal telecon. As yet, no written response, although ATSDR does have plans to visit Brooks in the near future and Kelly will pursue the possibility of adding Kelly to that visit.
- According to information received from AFMC (Kelly's parent command), Kelly cleanup funding for FY96 will range from \$16M to \$23M. Formerly referred to as Defense Environmental Restoration Account or DERA, this funding will now be simply Environmental Restoration Account (ERA).
- Kelly has been selected as having the best environmental restoration program in AFMC for FY95. Kelly will represent AFMC for best in the Air Force and, if successful at that level, will go on to represent the Air Force for DOD-wide honors.

There were no reportable spills at Kelly since the last formal RAB meeting.

Richard Trevino has been selected for a position at Randolph AFB. His dedication and leadership will be a great loss to Kelly. He will stay in his current position until a suitable replacement can be found.

1. Final Approval/Sign Revised Charter

Mr. Bailey submitted the revised RAB charter for signature by the co-chairs. Ensuing discussion revealed lingering concern by several RAB members regarding provisions covering removal of members and conflicts of interest -despite the fact that the RAB at the previous meeting had approved the revised charter.

After discussion, it was suggested that charter wording, concerning removal of members, be revised such that a majority vote of quorum of the RAB be required for removal. A motion, made and seconded, to this effect was carried by vote of the RAB.

An edited version of the charter will be mailed to RAB members to allow review prior to the next RAB meeting.

2. Potential Conflict of Interest Disclosure (COI)

Ms. Williams, from the Kelly Staff Judge Advocate's office, provided a summary of the issue. Verbiage is needed in the charter to allow the board to deal with any COI issues that should arise, in accordance with law. The verbiage offered is structured to protect individual, due-process rights. In essence, members who stand to realize personal or financial gain from issues before the board would not be eligible to vote those issues. COI will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Examples of issues that might be a COI are: claims against the Air Force relating to environmental issues before the board or being an employee of, or working for, a firm providing consultant services to the Kelly Environmental Management Directorate.

- A motion to open consideration of charter issues in addition to member removal and COI, made and seconded, was defeated by vote of board members present, 3 for, 9 against.
- A motion to approve the charter as is, made and seconded, was defeated by vote of board members present, 4 for, 8 against.
- A motion to approve the charter except for the 2 sections at issue, and refer those sections back to the RAB charter subcommittee for rewrite, made and seconded was passed by vote of board members present, 9 for, 3 against.

3. Election of Community Co-chair

Three candidates were nominated. Allan Hagelthorn, Armando Quintanilla, and Juan Solis, Sr. Air Force personnel excused themselves from the nomination and voting portion of the meeting. It was suggested two votes would be taken. First vote between the 3 candidates and the second vote between the two candidates with the most votes, so that the candidate elected would be elected by the majority of the RAB. A motion to this effect, made and seconded, passed by unanimous vote of board members present.

- Initial vote resulted in a run-off between Mr. Quintanilla and Mr. Solis.
- The final vote selected Mr. Juan Solis, Sr. as new community co-chair effective immediately.

4. Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the previous RAB meeting were approved as read.

5. Membership Actions

- Resignations/Removals

A letter will be sent to Kelly Thurlow because of 3 absences without an alternate present.

- New applications

No new applicants at this time.

Mr. Edward Weinstein (alternate for Ms. Falkenberg) was approved as replacement for Ms. Falkenberg, who will now be Mr. Weinstein's alternate.

6. Subcommittee Reports

- Newsletter

Mr. Sanchez stated that the Newsletter will be printed and distributed by Kelly AFB.

- Technical Assistance Grants

Due to the absence of Mr. Ayala, this was not discussed.

- Technical Issues

Mr. Rice related to the RAB issues raised at the 20 Oct 95 subcommittee meeting, and summarized his concerns regarding the cleanup program. His handouts are attachment 3.

Early RAB Involvement in Technical Issues. Mr. Rice and Mr. Dan Medina agreed that early RAB involvement in the cleanup process was crucial. Mr. Medina provided a list of upcoming work in RAB members' packets to facilitate that goal.

Subsidence. Mr. Rice discussed his continuing concern that the removal of groundwater as part of the cleanup program may be causing subsidence of homes. Mr. Medina informed the RAB that Kelly Air Force Base was currently seeking funding for a project that would determine whether or not subsidence is in fact taking place as a result of the groundwater cleanup actions taken by the Air Force.

Establishing Acceptable Risk. Mr. Rice explained to the RAB that there is a range of "acceptable" risk as defined by environmental laws and regulations. He deferred to Mr. Beyer (TNRCC) presentation slated for later in the meeting.

Calculation of Soil Cleanup Levels. Mr. Rice suggested to the RAB that the Air Force justify its selection of cleanup extent, because the selection is dependent on many different factors. Mr. Medina said that a meeting could be arranged to discuss the rationale for cleanup decisions with any interested parties from the RAB..

Off-Base Soil Contamination of Zone 3. Mr. Rice related that the Air Force told him they had no reason to believe that off-base contamination in the unsaturated soil (dry soil above the shallow groundwater) was caused by off-base migration of contaminated groundwater, and that he agreed with the Air Force's conclusion.

Status of requested information.

the Air Force's willingness to "releasable".

Mr. Rice discussed his concerns regarding release data other than that determined

Shallow Aquifer Survey. Mr. Rice stated that he expected to receive the Distribution Coefficient Study and Ms. Williams confirmed this.

Reviews of Zone 2 Modeling. Mr. Rice related his concerns regarding the release of the Zone 2 groundwater modeling internal Air Force reviews. Ms. Williams provided a summary of what types of information were considered releasable and what types were not in accordance with the National Contingency Plan and Freedom of Information Act.

Edwards Wells. Mr. Rice stated that he expected to receive a map showing all Edwards Aquifer wells. Ms. Williams confirmed that Kelly AFB would provide a map depicting all Edwards Aquifer wells on Kelly AFB only.

Importance of Shallow Aquifer Cleanup to Preclude Any, Potential Contamination the Edwards Aquifer. Mr. Rice summarized the potential for shallow groundwater to impact the Edwards Aquifer. It was agreed that cleaning up the shallow aquifer was essential to protect the Edwards Aquifer.

Prioritize Items for Presentation to The RAB. The topic of establishing acceptable risk was selected by the subcommittee to be the top priority for presentation to the RAB.

Soils Cleanup. Mr. Rice stated that, although he had concerns about soils in general, he hadn't heard anything from the public.

- Proper Channels. Mr. Rice summarized Ms. Williams' reminder to use the Public Affairs points of contact (Mr. Mike Estrada and Mr. Dick Walters) when requesting information.
- Review of Zone 3 Groundwater Restoration Plans. Mr. Rice expressed concern that Zone 3 groundwater was proposed to be cleaned up to TNRCC Risk Reduction Standard No. 3, and not the more stringent Standard No. 1. Mr. Gary Beyer stated that cleanup levels approved by the TNRCC are protective of human health and the environment.

· **ATSDR**

Mr. Quintanilla reported that a letter was sent to ATSDR. As discussed earlier by Mr. Bailey, ATSDR will be visiting Brooks AFB and it was hopeful that they would then visit Kelly AFB.

7. Restoration Update

- ArchRect & Engineering (A/E) Contract Awards
- Kelly has awarded contracts to four A/E firms to provide continued environmental testing, studies, engineering, and design. See attachment 4.
- Status of Responsiveness Summary, Groundwater Zones 1, 2 and 3

Mr. Dan Medina presented an update of Kelly's restoration program. The Responsiveness Summary will be ready at future RAB meeting.

- Off-base drilling and additional upcoming work

Not presented due to lack of time.

8. Briefing/Discussion:

How Clean is Clean - TNRCC Risk Reduction Rules and Their Application to Kelly AFB

- Because of the lateness of the hour Mr. Beyer requested that his presentation be postponed until the next RAB meeting. A motion to that effect and to put the TNRCC at the top of the next RAB meeting agenda, made and seconded, passed by unanimous vote of board members present.
- Mr. Beyer closed with a plea for RAB support for moving forward with cleanup. He stated that there will be increasing pressure to get cleanup actions in-place to support transfer of property.

9. New Business

Mr. Bailey described current activity and process underway regarding privatization/reuse planning for Kelly property. He provided a map developed by the Initial Base Alignment on Strategy Committee (IBASC) depicting a possible

Realignment Reuse scenario. The IBASC provides an interim planning body until the Local Reuse Authority (LRA) is formed in the next 60-90 days.

- Mr. Quintaniila requested
 - = RAB members receive training.
 - = A copy of DENIX (Defense Environment Alert) for RAB members. Review of the budget.
- Mr. Rice asked if the Kelly/SAIC after-RAB discussions/debrief sessions were open to anyone. Mr. Bailey welcomed any interested parties to the sessions.

10. Selection of date, location and time of next meeting

The next RAB meeting will be held Monday, 11 December 1995, 6:00 p.m. at Price elementary School.